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Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly: United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa

United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.1/62/L.24/Rev.1

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

I. Introduction

1. At its 25th meeting, on 2 November 2007, the First Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.1/62/L.24/Rev.1, on the United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa.. The Committee was informed of the programme budget implications of the draft resolution in a statement submitted by the Secretary-General (A/C.1/62/L.54/Rev.1)

II. Request contained in the draft resolution

2. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 4, 5, 7 and 8 of draft resolution A/C.1/62/L.24/Rev.1, the General Assembly would:

(a) Recommend that three posts (one Professional at the P-3 level and two General Service (Other level)) be established and added to the structure of the Centre, and funded from the regular budget, as recommended by the Consultative Mechanism;

(b) Recommend that the operating costs of the Centre be funded from the regular budget;

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(c) Request the Secretary-General to continue to provide the necessary support to the Centre for better achievements and results;

(d) Also request the Secretary-General to facilitate close cooperation between the Centre and the African Union, in particular in the areas of peace, security and development, and to continue to provide assistance towards stabilizing the financial situation of the Centre.

III. Relationship of the request to the programme of work for the biennium 2008-2009

3. The requests contained in operative paragraphs 4, 5, 7 and 8 of the draft resolution relate to (a) subprogramme 5, Regional disarmament, of programme 3 of the biennial programme plan and priorities for the biennium 2008-2009;[1] and (b) section 4, Disarmament, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009.[2] There would not be any modifications to the programme of work.

IV. Estimated resource requirements

4. The estimated costs of the recommended establishment of three posts, and the related operating costs of the Centre, as reflected in draft resolution A/C.1/62/L.24/Rev.1, for the biennium 2008-2009 would amount to $322,300 net ($360,200 gross).

5. These resources would cover the salaries and common staff costs for one Professional post at the P-3 level and two General Service (Other level) posts ($235,800) as well as general operating expenses ($86,500).

V. Potential for absorption

6. No provision has been made under the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 in relation to the activities that would be decided under operative paragraphs 4 and 5 of draft resolution A/C.1/62/L.24/Rev.1. At the current stage, it is not possible to identify activities within section 4, Disarmament, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 that could be terminated, deferred, curtailed or modified during the biennium.

7. The proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 would continue to provide for one P-5 post of Director of the Centre at Lomé. The implementation of the requests contained in operative paragraphs 7 and 8 of the draft resolution, regarding the Secretary-General's provision of support to the Centre, facilitation of cooperation between the Centre and the African Union and assistance towards stabilizing the financial situation of the Centre would continue to be financed from extrabudgetary resources.

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[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 6* (A/61/6/Rev.1).

[2] A/62/6 (Sect. 4) and Corr.1.

VI. Action required by the General Assembly

8. Accordingly, should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.1/62/L.24/Rev.1 recommending the establishment of three posts to be funded from the regular budget, and that the operating costs of the Centre also be funded from the regular budget, an additional provision amounting to $360,200 (before recosting) would be required over and above the level of resources proposed under section 4, Disarmament ($322,300); and section 35, Staff assessment ($37,900), to be offset by the same amount under Income section 1, Income from staff assessment, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009. This would represent a charge against the contingency fund.

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Administration of justice at the United Nations

Letter dated 20 November 2007 from the President of the General Assembly to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter from the Chairman of the Sixth Committee dated 19 November 2007 with regard to agenda item 137, Administration of justice at the United Nations (see annex).

(*Signed*) Srgjan **Kerim**

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Annex

Letter dated 19 November 2007 from the Chairman of the Sixth Committee to the President of the General Assembly

I have the honour to write to you with regard to agenda item 137, Administration of justice at the United Nations.

As you are aware, at its 3rd plenary meeting, on 21 September 2007, the General Assembly decided to allocate this item to the Fifth Committee and the Sixth Committee in the light of its resolution 61/261 of 4 April 2007.

During the present session, the Sixth Committee considered the item in plenary at its 2nd, 17th and 28th meetings, on 8 and 26 October and on 19 November 2007, as well as in the context of a Working Group. The Sixth Committee considered the legal aspects of the report of the Secretary-General on the administration of justice at the United Nations (A/62/294), consistent with paragraph 35 of resolution 61/261. It should be noted that the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/62/7/Add.7) was issued after the Working Group of the Sixth Committee had completed its deliberations.

During the meetings, the Sixth Committee reached a number of conclusions (see appendix I).

I should emphasize that those conclusions, which reflect the contents of the discussions at the Sixth Committee, do not address all the legal aspects of the item. As a consequence, the absence of comments on any legal issue should not be interpreted as meaning that the Sixth Committee has necessarily reached an agreement on that issue. The Sixth Committee has decided that it should continue to discuss the item in the light of further information provided to it, as well as any further decisions that the General Assembly may take on this item at its current session.

It would be appreciated if the present letter, together with its enclosures, including the conclusions (appendix I) and the content of the recommendation of the Sixth Committee to the General Assembly (appendix II), could be brought to the attention of the Chairman of the Fifth Committee and the Secretary-General.

(*Signed*) Alexei **Tulbure**
Chairman of the Sixth Committee of
the General Assembly at its sixty-second session

Appendix I

Administration of justice at the United Nations: conclusions of the Sixth Committee

General issues

Points of agreement

1. All procedures in the system of administration of justice should be consistent with relevant rules of international law and recognized principles of rule of law and due process. Adequate safeguards should be considered to facilitate equality of access of staff members, regardless of their duty stations, to the system of justice and to exercise their right to be heard in the administration of justice system.

Proposed scope of the new system

Points of agreement

2. The new system of administration of justice shall be accessible to all staff covered by the current system.

Issues requiring further consideration

3. Further consideration should be given to the recommendations by the Secretary-General and Member States that the new system of administration of justice be extended to certain categories of "non-staff personnel".

Requests for further information

4. Further information is requested on the following points:

(a) The different categories of non-staff personnel performing personal services for the Organization, including experts on mission and United Nations officials other than staff members of the Secretariat;

(b) The types of dispute settlement mechanisms available to the different categories of non-staff personnel and their effectiveness;

(c) The types of grievances the different categories of non-staff personnel have raised in the past and what bodies of law are relevant to such claims;

(d) Any other mechanism that could be envisaged to provide effective and efficient dispute settlement to the different categories of non-staff personnel, taking into account the nature of their contractual relationship with the Organization.

Legal assistance for staff

Points of agreement

5. Legal assistance for staff should continue to be provided and the strengthening of a professional office of staff legal assistance should be supported, as agreed by the General Assembly in its resolution 61/261. Any legal assistance provided by the Organization should be accessible to staff members regardless of their duty stations. A code of conduct should regulate the activity of the individuals providing legal assistance for staff to ensure their independence and impartiality.

Issues requiring further consideration

6. Further consideration should continue to be given to the question of how best to enhance a professional office of staff legal assistance, including how best to improve the legal assistance currently provided to staff.

Requests for further information

7. Further information is requested on the specific barriers which make it difficult for staff within the United Nations system to be able to access the services of private lawyers, as well as those which limit the ability of private lawyers to be able to serve the needs of staff within the United Nations system, and on what means are potentially available to improve or expand their ability to do so. Further information is also requested on how the issue of legal advice and representation for employees is addressed by other international organizations.

Informal system of justice

Qualifications, selection and terms of reference of the Ombudsman

Points of agreement

8. The nomination and process for the selection of the United Nations Ombudsman, independent from the parties to potential disputes, shall be transparent and ensure the trust of all those involved in the system of administration of justice.

Mediation

Points of agreement

9. Staff and management should be encouraged to resort to mediation as a means for resolving disputes.

10. All staff members, regardless of their duty stations, should have access to mediation. Statements made during the mediation process shall remain confidential by all concerned and shall be inadmissible in subsequent litigation. Agreements concluded by way of mediation shall be binding on the parties and shall be enforceable in the formal system of justice.

Issues requiring further consideration

11. Further consideration should be given to the conditions under which the United Nations Dispute Tribunal may refer cases pending before it to mediation, including the requirement of the consent of the parties and the issue of time frames.

Formal system of justice

Judges

Points of agreement

12. Judges of the United Nations Dispute Tribunal and the United Nations Appeals Tribunal shall be of high moral character, have respectively 10 and 15 years of judicial experience in the field of administrative law or its equivalent within their

national jurisdiction, and serve strictly in their personal capacity and enjoy full independence. Due consideration should be given to gender and regional balance in the nomination and process for the selection of judges.

13. Judges of the United Nations Dispute Tribunal and the United Nations Appeals Tribunal shall be elected/appointed by the General Assembly. The election/appointment of judges should be staggered so as to ensure a partial periodical renewal of the composition of each Tribunal.

14. Judges of the United Nations Dispute Tribunal and the United Nations Appeals Tribunal shall be elected/appointed for one non-renewable term on any one of the two tribunals.

15. Judges of the United Nations Dispute Tribunal and the United Nations Appeals Tribunal shall be removable only by the General Assembly and exclusively on grounds of misconduct or incapacity.

Issues requiring further consideration

16. A mechanism shall be identified for the compilation of lists of persons eligible for appointment to the judicial positions at the United Nations Dispute Tribunal and the United Nations Appeals Tribunal to ensure that the required qualifications for these positions are fulfilled. Further consideration should be given to the process for the nomination and selection of judges to be elected/appointed, including the possible establishment, composition and functions of the proposed Internal Justice Council. Further consideration should also be given to the process of election/appointment of the judges.

17. Further consideration should be given to whether the term served by judges of the United Nations Dispute Tribunal and the United Nations Appeals Tribunal should be six or seven years.

18. Further consideration should be given to mechanisms relating to the initial election/appointment of judges, including how best to implement the decision that the election/appointment of judges should be staggered so as to ensure a partial periodical renewal of the composition of each Tribunal.

19. Further consideration should be given to mechanisms of formal removal of judges, definition of the "grounds of misconduct or incapacity" and the means for the establishment of such grounds in a specific case.

20. Further consideration should be given to the question of whether a decision on first instance should be decided by a single judge or a panel of three judges.

Jurisdiction and powers of the United Nations Dispute Tribunal and the United Nations Appeals Tribunal

Points of agreement

21. Compensation ordered by the Tribunals shall normally be subject to the limit of two years' salary.

Issues requiring further consideration

22. Further consideration should be given to the question of the jurisdiction *ratione materiae* of the United Nations Dispute Tribunal.

23. Further consideration should be given to the question of appeals by staff associations before the formal system of justice.

24. Further consideration should be given to the question of the grounds of appeals before the United Nations Appeals Tribunal.

25. Further consideration should be given to defining specific extraordinary circumstances under which it might be appropriate for the Tribunals to award compensation in excess of two years' salary.

26. Further consideration should be given to the question whether, and under what circumstances, specific performance might be ordered by the Tribunals as an alternative to compensation.

Requests for further information

27. Further information or clarification is requested on the following points:

(a) The types of claims former staff members have been eligible to bring and have brought before the United Nations Administrative Tribunal;

(b) Whether the Secretariat and the United Nations Administrative Tribunal interpret the phrase "terms of appointment" in article 2, paragraph 1, of the its statute to extend beyond the written terms of the relevant employment contract, staff regulations, and staff rules and, if so, on what legal basis;

(c) The conditions of employment or the duties of the Organization to its staff;

(d) The proposal to empower the United Nations Dispute Tribunal and the United Nations Appeals Tribunal to refer appropriate cases to the Secretary-General and the heads of funds and programs for "possible action to enforce accountability" and, in particular, how the role of the Secretary-General in this regard will be different from that of the formal system of justice and what mechanisms will prevent duplication of efforts;

(e) The Secretary-General's proposal to empower the United Nations Dispute Tribunal, upon request by the staff member concerned, to suspend action on implementation of a contested administrative decision and specifically, on the criteria the Tribunal would apply in suspending such action;

(f) Composition and role of staff associations.

Registries of the United Nations Dispute Tribunal and the United Nations Appeals Tribunal

Points of agreement

28. The structure of the registry or registries of the United Nations Dispute Tribunal and the United Nations Appeals Tribunal shall ensure the Tribunals' impartiality and avoid any potential conflict of interest, both real and perceived.

Issues requiring further consideration

29. Further consideration should be given to the question whether the United Nations Dispute Tribunal and the United Nations Appeals Tribunal shall have one single registry, provided that it shall only manage and administer cases, or separate

registries, in the case that they provide legal assistance to judges on the cases before the Tribunals.

Adoption of the rules of procedure by judges of the United Nations Dispute Tribunal and the United Nations Appeals Tribunal

Points of agreement

30. The United Nations Dispute Tribunal and the United Nations Appeals Tribunal shall establish their own rules, in conformity with the provisions of their Statutes. The rules of procedure established by the Tribunals shall be subject to approval by the General Assembly.

Appendix II

Draft decision

Administration of justice at the United Nations

The General Assembly takes note of the conclusions of the Sixth Committee on the administration of justice at the United Nations[1] following its consideration of the legal aspects of the report of the Secretary-General,[2] requests the Secretary-General to respond to the requests for information contained in that document, taking into account any further decisions that the General Assembly may take during its sixty-second session prior to the meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee referred to below, and decides to establish an Ad Hoc Committee on the Administration of Justice at the United Nations, to be open to all States Members of the United Nations, members of the specialized agencies or members of the International Atomic Energy Agency, for the purpose of continuing the work on the legal aspects of the item, taking into account the results of the deliberations of the Sixth Committee on the item,[3] previous decisions of the Assembly and any further decisions that the Assembly may take during its sixty-second session prior to the meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee. The Ad Hoc Committee shall meet from 10 to 18 April and on 21 and 24 April 2008, and shall report on its work to the Assembly at its sixty-third session. The General Assembly also decides to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-third session the item entitled "Administration of justice at the United Nations".

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[1] A/C.5/62/11, annex, appendix I.

[2] A/62/294.

[3] A/C.5/61/21, annex, appendix I, and A/C.5/62/11, annex, appendix I.

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Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007

Report of the Human Rights Council

Report of the Human Rights Council

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/62/L.84

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

I. Introduction

1. At its 47th meeting, on 16 November 2007, the Third Committee adopted, by a recorded vote of 165 in favour, to 7 against, with 3 abstentions, draft resolution A/C.3/62/L.84 on the report of the Human Rights Council, which replaced the text of draft resolution A/C.3/62/L.32 entitled "Institution-building of the Human Rights Council". The Committee had before it a statement of the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/62/L.32, contained in document A/C.3/62/L.60, which remained valid for draft resolution A/C.3/62/L.84.

2. The Human Rights Council, on 18 June 2007, adopted resolution 5/1, entitled "Institution-building of the United Nations Human Rights Council".[1] In accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the Council was provided with an oral statement of programme budget implications prior to the adoption of the resolution. In the oral statement, the Secretary-General noted that the Council was expected to continue into 2008 its review of the existing special mandates, which it began in September 2007. In that regard, the Secretary-General informed the Council that the related estimated additional requirements of $7,846,500 (excluding staff assessment) to implement resolution 5/1 would be reported to the Assembly at its sixty-second session, by which time the Council was expected to have concluded its review of those mandates.

[1] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 53* (A/62/53), chap. IV, sect. A.

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3. With regard to conference-servicing requirements, the Council was informed of the full cost of the additional services to be provided as from the biennium 2008-2009 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management ($3,847,300), and section 28E, Administration, Geneva ($323,100), as well as the potential for absorption of the requirements within the approved appropriations for the biennium 2006-2007, and the provisions of the proposed programme budget for 2008-2009.

4. It should be noted that additional resource requirements in respect of a number of the proposals in the text of the resolution have been addressed separately in the report of the Secretary-General on revised estimates relating to the implementation of Human Rights Council decision 3/104 (A/62/125), namely, for additional regular sessions, special sessions, high-level segments and organizational meetings of the Council. Therefore, only resource requirements relating to resolution 5/1 are detailed in the present statement of programme budget implications. This would constitute requirements over and above those submitted in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 and the above-mentioned report of the Secretary-General.

II. Requests contained in the draft resolution

5. Under the terms of the operative paragraph of draft resolution A/C.3/62/L.84, the General Assembly would endorse the decision of the Human Rights Council to adopt resolutions 5/1 and 5/2, including their annexes and appendices.

6. Under the terms of the text entitled "United Nations Human Rights Council: institution-building", contained in the annex and appendices to Council resolution 5/1, the Council established the modalities for a universal periodic review mechanism, special procedures, the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee and a complaint procedure.

7. As regards the universal periodic review mechanism, the Council decided that:

(a) The review would begin after the adoption of the mechanism by the Council;

(b) The periodicity of the review for the first cycle would be of four years, implying the consideration of 48 States per year during three sessions of the working group of two weeks' duration each;

(c) The review would be based on the following documents:

(i) Information prepared by the State concerned, which could take the form of a national report, on the basis of general guidelines to be adopted by the Council at its sixth session, and any other information considered relevant by the State concerned, which could be presented either orally or in writing, provided that the written presentation summarizing the information did not exceed 20 pages;

(ii) Additionally, a compilation prepared by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) of the information contained in the reports of treaty bodies and special procedures, including observations and comments by the State concerned, and other relevant official United Nations documents, which should not exceed 10 pages;

(iii) Additional, credible and reliable information provided by other relevant stakeholders to the universal periodic review, which should also be taken into consideration by the Council in the review. OHCHR would prepare a summary of such information that should not exceed 10 pages;

(d) The documents prepared by OHCHR should be elaborated following the structure of the general guidelines adopted by the Council regarding the information prepared by the State concerned;

(e) Both the State's written presentation and the summaries prepared by OHCHR should be ready six weeks prior to the review by the working group to ensure the distribution of documents simultaneously in the six official languages of the United Nations, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 53/208 B;

(f) The modalities of the review should be as follows:

(i) The review would be conducted in one working group, chaired by the President of the Human Rights Council and composed of the 47 States members of the Council. Each member State would decide on the composition of its delegation;

(ii) Observer States would be able to participate in the review, including in the interactive dialogue;

(iii) Other relevant stakeholders would be able to attend the review in the working group;

(iv) A group of three rapporteurs, selected by the drawing of lots among the members of the Council and from different regional groups would be formed to facilitate each review, including the preparation of the report of the working group. OHCHR would provide the necessary assistance and expertise to the rapporteurs;

(v) Interactive dialogue between the country under review and the Council would take place in the working group;

(vi) The duration of the review would be three hours for each country in the working group. Additional time of up to one hour would be allocated for the consideration of the outcome by the plenary of the Council. Half an hour would be allocated for the adoption of the report of each country under review in the working group;

(g) The format of the outcome of the review would be a report consisting of a summary of the proceedings of the review process; conclusions and/or recommendations; and the voluntary commitments of the State concerned;

(h) The universal periodic review would be a cooperative mechanism. Its outcome could include (i) an assessment undertaken in an objective and transparent manner of the human rights situation in the country under review; (ii) sharing of best practices; (iii) the provision of technical assistance and capacity-building in consultation with, and with the consent of, the country concerned; and (iv) voluntary commitments and pledges made by the country under review;

(i) In considering the outcome of the universal periodic review, the Council would decide if and when any specific follow-up was necessary.

8. As regards the special procedures, the Council decided that:

(a) OHCHR should immediately prepare, maintain and periodically update a public list of eligible candidates in a standardized format, which should include personal data, areas of expertise and professional experience. Upcoming vacancies of mandates should be publicized;

(b) A consultative group would be established to propose to the President, at least one month before the beginning of the session in which the Council would consider the selection of mandate holders, a list of candidates who possessed the highest qualifications for the mandates in question and met the general criteria and particular requirements;

(c) At the beginning of the annual cycle of the Council, regional groups would be invited to appoint a member of the consultative group, who would serve in his or her personal capacity. The group would be assisted by OHCHR.

9. The Human Rights Council Advisory Committee, composed of 18 experts serving in their personal capacity, would function as a think tank for the Council and work at its direction. The establishment of this subsidiary body and its functioning would be in accordance with the guidelines stipulated by the Council. The Advisory Committee would convene up to two sessions for a maximum of 10 working days per year. Additional sessions could be scheduled on an ad hoc basis with prior approval of the Council.

10. A complaint procedure is being established to address consistent patterns of gross and reliably attested violations of all human rights and all fundamental freedoms occurring in any part of the world and under any circumstances. Economic and Social Council resolution 1503 (XLVIII) of 27 May 1970 as revised by resolution 2000/3 served as a working basis and was improved where necessary, so as to ensure that the complaint procedure was impartial, objective, efficient, victim-oriented and conducted in a timely manner. The Council decided that:

(a) Two distinct working groups would be established, the Working Group on Communications, mandated to examine communications, and the Working Group on Situations, mandated to bring to the attention of the Council consistent patterns of gross and reliably attested violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

(b) The Human Rights Council Advisory Committee would appoint five of its members, one from each regional group, with due consideration to gender balance, to constitute the Working Group on Communications;

(c) Each regional group would appoint a representative of a State member of the Council, with due consideration to gender balance, to serve on the Working Group on Situations. Members would be appointed for one year. Their mandate would be renewable once, if the State concerned were a member of the Council;

(d) Both Working Groups would meet at least twice a year for five working days each session, in order to promptly examine the communications received, including replies of States, and the situations of which the Council was already seized under the complaint procedure.

III. Relationship of the requests to the biennial programme plan and priorities for the period 2008-2009 and to the proposed programme of work and proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009

11. The activities to be carried out relate to programme 1, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management; subprogramme 2, Supporting human rights bodies and organs, of programme 19, Human rights; subprogramme 1, Strategic communication services, of programme 23, Public information; and subprogramme 4, Support services, of programme 24, Management and support services, of the biennial programme plan and priorities for the period 2008-2009.[2] They also fall under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management (A/62/6 (Sect. 2)); section 23, Human rights (A/62/6 (Sect. 23 and Corr.1)); section 27, Public information (A/62/6 (Sect. 27)); and section 28E, Administration, Geneva (A/62/6 (Sect. 28E and Corr.1 and 2)), of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009.

IV. Overall estimated additional requirements

12. Should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution contained in document A/C.3/62/L.84, the overall estimated additional requirements arising from the implementation of Human Rights Council resolution 5/1 are estimated at $8,147,600, relating to additional requirements with respect to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009, including an increase of $3,054,000 for posts and $5,093,600 in non-post resources, offset by $448,100 in income from staff assessment.

13. The overall estimated additional requirements of $8,147,600 projected in the present report for the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 are reflected in tables 1 to 4 below. The present estimates constitute requirements over and above the provisions already made in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 and the report of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 and to the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 and proposals related to unforeseen and extraordinary expenses arising from the implementation of decisions of the Human Rights Council (A/62/125).

14. The additional resources that will arise for the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 will be absorbed within available resources approved for that biennium.

[2] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 6* (A/61/6/Rev.1).

Table 1
Overall estimated additional requirements for the biennium 2008-2009
(Thousands of United States dollars)

Section	2006-2007 revised appropriation	Growth, 2008-2009: Proposed programme budget[a]	Growth, 2008-2009: Human Rights Council decision 3/104[b]	Growth, 2008-2009: Human Rights Council resolution 5/1	Total before recosting	Recosting	2008-2009 estimate
2. General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management	602 512.5	(12 453.5)	—	3 847.3	593 906.3	30 972.0	624 878.3
23. Human rights	90 554.0	17 143.2	1 019.7	3 149.0	111 865.9	5 340.7	117 206.6
27. Public information	178 851.8	497.2	1 356.8	353.7	181 059.5	10 617.7	191 677.2
28E. Administration, Geneva	107 192.8	186.1	952.1	349.5	108 680.5	3 515.3	112 195.8
35. Staff assessment	436 347.5	6 438.3	376.9	448.1	443 610.8	19 045.3	462 656.1
Total	**1 415 458.6**	**11 811.3**	**3 705.5**	**8 147.6**	**1 439 123.0**	**69 491.0**	**1 508 614.0**

[a] Growth under the proposed programme budget does not take into account Human Rights Council decision 3/104, resolution 5/1 or other decisions in relation to paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 60/251.
[b] See A/62/125.

Table 2
Estimated additional requirements for the biennium 2008-2009 by object of expenditure
(Thousands of United States dollars)

Object of expenditure	2006-2007 revised appropriation	Growth: Proposed programme budget for 2008-2009[a]	Growth: Human Rights Council decision 3/104[b]	Growth: Human Rights Council resolution 5/1	Total before recosting	Recosting	2008-2009 estimate
Posts	722 858.9	23 200.0	3 132.2	3 054.0	752 245.1	38 267.8	790 512.9
Other staff costs	79 455.8	(14 565.2)	(3 514.7)	4 080.3	65 456.2	3 275.0	68 731.2
Non-staff compensation	0.2	—	—	—	0.2	—	0.2
Consultants and experts	1 231.2	(303.3)	61.5	—	989.4	30.1	1 019.5
Travel of representatives	11 689.5	2 085.2	94.4	—	13 869.1	901.8	14 770.9
Travel of staff	4 807.5	(434.4)	215.9	43.4	4 632.4	301.5	4 933.9
Contractual services	37 973.8	(898.3)	2 648.3	78.0	39 801.8	2 269.8	42 071.6
General operating expenses	44 732.8	4 364.5	565.4	348.8	50 011.5	2 087.6	52 099.1
Hospitality	166.4	(14.0)	—	—	152.4	9.0	161.4
Supplies and materials	15 697.2	(3 223.9)	4.0	—	12 477.3	648.7	13 126.0
Furniture and equipment	12 139.6	(2 463.5)	121.6	95.0	9 892.7	531.4	10 424.1
Grants and contributions	48 358.2	(2 374.1)	—	—	45 984.1	2 123.0	48 107.1
Other	436 347.5	6 438.3	376.9	448.1	443 610.8	19 045.3	462 656.1
Total	**1 415 458.6**	**11 811.3**	**3 705.5**	**8 147.6**	**1 439 123.0**	**69 491.0**	**1 508 614.0**

[a] Growth under the proposed programme budget does not take into account Human Rights Council decision 3/104, resolution 5/1 or other decisions in relation to paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 60/251.
[b] See A/62/125.

Table 3
Overall estimated distribution of posts by section for the biennium 2008-2009

Section	2006-2007 revised appropriation	Growth, 2008-2009: Proposed programme budget[a]	Growth, 2008-2009: Human Rights Council decision 3/104[b]	Growth, 2008-2009: Human Rights Council resolution 5/1	Growth, 2008-2009: Total growth 2008-2009	2008-2009 estimate
2. General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management	1 899	17	15	—	32	1 931
23. Human rights	275	36	5	18	59	334
27. Public information	748	—	—	—	—	748
28E. Administration, Geneva	301	—	—	—	—	301
35. Staff assessment	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	**3 223**	**53**	**20**	**18**	**91**	**3 314**

[a] Growth under the proposed programme budget does not take into account Human Rights Council decision 3/104, resolution 5/1 or other decisions in relation to paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 60/251.
[b] See A/62/125.

Table 4
Overall estimated distribution of posts for the biennium 2008-2009 by grade

Grade	2006-2007 revised appropriation	Growth, 2008-2009: Proposed programme budget[a]	Growth, 2008-2009: Human Rights Council decision 3/104[b]	Growth, 2008-2009: Human Rights Council resolution 5/1	2008-2009 estimate
Professional category and above					
USG/DSG	3	—	—	—	3
ASG	2	—	—	—	2
D-2	12	3	—	—	15
D-1	50	4	—	—	54
P-5	238	15	12	—	265
P-4/3	1 075	19	19	18	1 131
P-2/1	121	2	1	—	124
Subtotal	**1 501**	**43**	**32**	**18**	**1 594**
General Service category					
Principal level	112	2	—	—	114
Other level	1 296	8	(12)	—	1 292
Subtotal	**1 408**	**10**	**(12)**	**—**	**1 406**
Other categories					
Local level	199	(5)	—	—	194
National Officer	39	5	—	—	44
Trades and Crafts	76	—	—	—	76
Subtotal	**314**	—	—	—	**314**
Total	**3 223**	**53**	**20**	**18**	**3 314**

[a] Growth under the proposed programme budget does not take into account Human Rights Council decision 3/104, resolution 5/1 or other decisions in relation to paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 60/251.
[b] See A/62/125.

V. Activities by which the proposals would be implemented and additional requirements by programme budget section

Section 2
General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management

Table 5
Requirements for the biennium 2008-2009 by object of expenditure
(Thousands of United States dollars)

			Growth				
Object of expenditure	*2006-2007 revised appropriation*	*Proposed programme budget for 2008-2009*[a]	*Human Rights Council decision 3/104*[b]	*Human Rights Council resolution 5/1*	*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*2008-2009 estimate*
Posts	453 214.9	6 150.7	2 383.2	—	461 748.8	24 005.9	485 754.7
Other staff costs	67 355.5	(13 948.2)	(4 483.2)	3 847.3	52 771.4	2 719.7	55 491.1
Travel of representatives	314.4	—	—	—	314.4	20.4	334.8
Travel of staff	338.4	—	—	—	338.4	22.2	360.6
Contractual services	15 047.0	(938.1)	2 100.0	—	16 208.9	908.0	17 116.9
General operating expenses	7 874.2	863.8	—	—	8 738.0	559.2	9 297.2
Hospitality	7.9	—	—	—	7.9	0.4	8.3
Supplies and materials	10 418.9	(2 357.3)	—	—	8 061.6	451.3	8 512.9
Furniture and equipment	5 413.9	(523.7)	—	—	4 890.2	318.0	5 208.2
Grants and contributions	42 527.4	(1 700.7)	—	—	40 826.7	1 966.9	42 793.6
Total	**602 512.5**	**(12 453.5)**	**—**	**3 847.3**	**593 906.3**	**30 972.0**	**624 878.3**

[a] Growth under the proposed programme budget does not take into account Human Rights Council decision 3/104, resolution 5/1 or other decisions in relation to paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 60/251.
[b] See A/62/125.

Conference management, Geneva
Subprogramme 2. Planning, development and coordination of conference services

15. In order to accommodate the projected additional workload arising from the implementation of Human Rights Council resolution 5/1, as outlined in paragraphs 6 to 10 above, the resource provisions proposed herein have taken into account the conference-servicing requirements of the Council as reflected in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 (A/62/6 (Sect. 2)), as well as the proposal contained in the above-mentioned report of the Secretary-General (A/62/125). It will be recalled that in paragraph 11 of that report, the Secretary-General stated that the resource provisions and working methods for the programme delivery of conference services at Geneva, as reflected in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 (A/62/6 (Sect. 2)), had been revisited to align capacity with expected output, with the aim of obtaining optimal use of resources. Further, in paragraph 15 of the same report, it was stated that the resource provisions proposed therein did not take into account the decisions to be taken by the Human Rights Council in respect of paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 60/251.

16. Under the terms stipulated in the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1, the conference-servicing implications of the establishment of the modalities for a universal periodic review mechanism, special procedures, the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee and a complaint procedure would be as follows:

(a) As regards the universal periodic review mechanism, conference-servicing requirements would arise to provide for six weeks of meetings per year for its working group starting from 2008;

(b) As regards the special procedures, a consultative group would be established, comprising representatives of five States. It is understood that the group would meet from time to time in Geneva in an informal manner to propose to the President of the Council a list of candidates to be included in a public list that would be established by the secretariat. No conference-servicing resources would be required;

(c) As regards the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee, which would replace the former Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, conference-servicing requirements would arise for two sessions of the Advisory Committee of five days' duration each (i.e., two weeks per year), which would be covered within the resource provisions approved for the former Subcommission to meet three weeks per year. Thus, no additional conference-servicing resources would be required. The resulting one-week savings in conference-servicing requirements vis-à-vis the existing provisions for the Subcommission would be used to offset requirements for an additional week of meetings of the Working Group on Situations under the complaint procedure (see subparagraph (d) below);

(d) As regards the complaint procedure, which would replace the procedure established pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1503 (XLVIII), conference-servicing requirements would arise for the provision of two five-day sessions per year, or two weeks each, for the Working Group on Communications and the Working Group on Situations. Provisions for two weeks of meetings for the Working Group on Communications and one week for the Working Group on Situations under the former Commission on Human Rights and Subcommission mandates were included in the 2006-2007 budget and have also been requested under the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009. The additional week of meetings for the Working Group on Situations would be offset by savings realized through the holding of meetings for one week less than the former Subcommission. Thus, no additional resources would be required.

17. The conference-servicing requirements estimated in the amount of $3,487,300 for the biennium 2008-2009, as detailed in table 5, which are in addition to the proposals contained in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 (A/62/6 (Sect. 2)) and the Secretary-General's report (A/62/125) under subprogramme 2, Planning, development and coordination of conference services for conference management in Geneva, relate solely to the servicing of six weeks of meetings of the universal periodic review mechanism working group per year, for a total of 60 meetings per year, with interpretation services in all six official languages, and pre-session, in-session and post-session documentation to be translated into all six official languages.

18. No modification is required to the programme of work under section 2 of the approved programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 or the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009.

Section 23
Human rights

Table 6
Requirements for the biennium 2008-2009 by object of expenditure
(Thousands of United States dollars)

			Growth				
Object of expenditure	*2006-2007 revised appropriation*	*Proposed programme budget for 2008-2009*[a]	*Human Rights Council decision 3/104*[b]	*Human Rights Council resolution 5/1*	*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*2008-2009 estimate*
Posts	65 393.5	16 658.7	749.0	3 054.0	85 855.2	4 036.7	89 891.9
Other staff costs	3 104.6	(115.2)	67.6	—	3 057.0	89.4	3 146.4
Non-staff compensation	0.2	—	—	—	0.2	—	0.2
Consultants and experts	1 231.2	(303.3)	—	—	927.9	26.1	954.0
Travel of representatives	10 659.6	2 044.5	94.4	—	12 798.5	832.2	13 630.7
Travel of staff	3 374.6	(470.7)	87.9	—	2 991.8	194.6	3 186.4
Contractual services	1 142.0	244.0	—	—	1 386.0	38.9	1 424.9
General operating expenses	1 976.8	186.9	—	—	2 163.0	62.1	2 225.8
Hospitality	14.0	—	—	—	14.0	0.4	14.4
Supplies and materials	538.5	236.6	—	—	775.1	22.1	797.2
Furniture and equipment	859.6	(341.4)	20.8	95.0	634.0	19.1	653.1
Grants and contributions	2 259.4	(996.9)	—	—	1 262.5	19.1	1 281.6
Total	**90 554.0**	**17 143.2**	**1 019.7**	**3 149.0**	**111 865.9**	**5 340.7**	**117 206.6**

[a] Growth in the proposed programme budget does not take into account Human Rights Council decision 3/104, resolution 5/1 or other decisions in relation to paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 60/251.
[b] See A/62/125.

Table 7
Post requirements for the biennium 2008-2009

		Growth, 2008-2009			
Grade	*2006-2007 revised appropriation*	*Proposed programme budget*	*Human Rights Council decision 3/104*[b]	*Human Rights Council resolution 5/1*	*2008-2009 estimate*
Professional category and above					
USG/DSG	1	—	—	—	1
ASG	1	—	—	—	1
D-2	3	2	—	—	5
D-1	6	4	—	—	10
P-5	36	5	—	—	41
P-4/3	139	15	4	18	176
P-2/1	18	—	1	—	19
Subtotal	**204**	**26**	**5**	**18**	**253**

Grade	2006-2007 revised appropriation	Growth, 2008-2009: Proposed programme budget[a]	Growth, 2008-2009: Human Rights Council decision 3/104[b]	Growth, 2008-2009: Human Rights Council resolution 5/1	2008-2009 estimate
General Service category					
Principal level	2	2	—	—	4
Other level	69	8	—	—	77
Subtotal	**71**	**10**	**—**	**—**	**81**
Total	**275**	**36**	**5**	**18**	**334**

[a] Growth in the proposed programme budget does not take into account Human Rights Council decision 3/104, resolution 5/1 or other decisions in relation to paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 60/251.

[b] See A/62/125.

Policymaking organs

19. As indicated in paragraph 9 above, the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee would replace the former Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights. The Council decided that the Advisory Committee would convene up to two sessions for a maximum of 10 working days per year. Additional sessions could be scheduled on an ad hoc basis with prior approval of the Council.

20. In order to implement the Council's decision, resources of $710,600 for travel and daily subsistence allowance for 18 members of the Advisory Committee attending two sessions annually would be needed under section 23, Human rights, starting from the biennium 2008-2009. Provisions for travel and daily subsistence allowance in the amount of $829,800 for the former Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights and its working groups have been maintained under the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009. It is proposed that part of the amount foreseen for the former Subcommission be reprogrammed for the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee. In the light of the continuing review by the Human Rights Council of its subsidiary machinery in response to General Assembly resolution 60/251, a consolidated statement of requirements arising from the continuing review and of potential absorptive capacity derived from reduced requirements resulting from the amended programme of work under the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 will be provided to the Assembly.

21. With regard to the complaint procedure, the Council has decided that two distinct working groups, the Working Group on Communications and the Working Group on Situations, will be established. A summary of the modalities of the two Working Groups is provided in paragraph 10 above. The continuation or replacement of other working groups under the former Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights remains under consideration by the Council. It is therefore proposed that provisions already made under the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 for the working groups of the former Subcommission be retained for the Working Group on Communications and other working groups still under consideration. Consequently, no additional resources will be required in the biennium 2008-2009.

Subprogramme 2
Supporting human rights bodies and organs

22. In paragraph 26 of his above-mentioned report (A/62/125), the Secretary-General informed the General Assembly that resource requirements for the universal periodic review mechanism would be reviewed at the time the Human Rights Council considered and took a decision on the modalities. As stated in paragraph 2 above, the Council was informed at its fifth session of the additional resources that would be required under section 23, Human rights, in response to the provisions of Human Rights Council resolution 5/1, described in paragraphs 6 to 9 above.

23. On the basis of the estimated workload statistics of the newly mandated universal periodic review mechanism, 21 posts would be required at the P-4 level. However, on the basis of an assessment that some of the work can be undertaken by other branches within OHCHR through the use of existing resources, a total of 17 new P-4 posts is proposed under section 23, Human rights, at an estimated cost of $2,910,400 (before recosting).

24. The 17 new posts are required to ensure the preparation of the relevant documents to be submitted for the review of each country during the sessions of the universal periodic review working group and for support to the rapporteurs in their review and preparation of the reports of the country groups. Each new P-4 post would be part of a team that: (a) provides substantive support to the universal periodic review mechanism through research and the compilation, analysis, summary and maintenance of information, as well as by providing support to the universal periodic review working group and performing other substantive duties; (b) develops methodologies for the review and analysis of country human rights situations; (c) does research and compiles relevant information submitted to the existing treaty bodies, relevant information received by special procedures, as information processed by the latter, information from all relevant United Nations sources and documents, including pledges and commitments, and relevant information from non-governmental organizations and other relevant stakeholders; (d) analyses and summarizes all compiled information; (e) prepares, on the basis of information from various sources, consolidated reports (about 10 pages each) reflecting relevant issues that would facilitate the universal periodic review; (f) liaises with geographical desk officers and OHCHR country and regional field presences for the inclusion of the most up-to-date information on the general situation of the country under review, including information on either existing or planned technical assistance projects; (g) supports the universal periodic review working group by, inter alia, preparing internal OHCHR analytical summaries of debates; (h) develops and maintains a database on indicators identified on the basis of information being collected by OHCHR through different human rights mechanisms; (i) and performs such other duties as may be required by the Chief and Deputy Chief of the Human Rights Council Branch.

Subprogramme 4
Support for human rights thematic fact-finding procedures

25. As indicated in paragraph 23.15 of the proposed programme budget for 2008-2009 (A/62/6 (Sect. 23 and Corr.1)), revisions were anticipated to the proposed programme budget for the biennium, stemming from decisions of the Human Rights Council such as those on the establishment of a consultative group and the preparation, maintenance and periodic update of a public list in relation to the Council's special procedure mechanism.

26. In response to the provisions of Human Rights Council resolution 5/1, relating to the public list and the consultative group (see para. 7 above), it is proposed to establish one new post at the P-3 level, at an estimated cost of $143,600 (before recosting). The incumbent would be responsible for developing, maintaining and updating a public list of candidates for positions of special procedure mandate holders, in accordance with Human Rights Council resolution 5/1, and establishing a selection procedure. The functions of the post would include publicizing vacancies, collecting candidatures and classifying candidates according to the technical criteria adopted by the Council. The incumbent would also serve as the primary point of contact within the secretariat to assist the consultative group, which will propose a list of candidates to the President of the Council.

27. For the biennium 2006-2007 any additional resource requirements resulting from the additional workload of the universal periodic review and special procedures mechanisms would be met through temporary arrangements as necessary.

28. In summary, under section 23, Human rights, a total of 18 new posts (17 P-4 and 1 P-3) would be required under the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 (see table 7). In addition to the post requirements, resources would also be required in the amount of $95,000 for furniture and equipment relating to the proposed new posts.

29. Provisions have not been made under the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 in relation to the above-mentioned activities. At this stage it does not appear possible to absorb the estimated additional requirements under section 23, Human rights, amounting to $3,149,000, as detailed in table 6. Therefore, an additional appropriation by the General Assembly would be required under section 23 for the biennium 2008-2009.

Modification of the programme of work for the bienniums 2006-2007 and 2008-2009

30. No modifications are required to the programme of work under section 23, Human rights, of the approved programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007.

31. Modifications required to the programme of work under section 23, Human rights, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 (A/62/6 (Sect. 23 and Corr.1)) would consist of the following changes to programmatic narratives and outputs:

Subprogramme 2

(a) In paragraph 23.66 (a) (iii) (a), the words "meetings of the Human Rights Council in relation to the universal periodic review mechanism (60)" would be replaced by the words "meetings of the Human Rights Council in relation to the universal periodic review mechanism (120)";

(b) In paragraph 23.66 (a) (iii) (b), the words "reports of the Subcommission to the Commission on Human Rights (expert advice body) (2)" would be replaced by the words "reports of the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee to the Human Rights Council";

(c) In paragraph 23.66 (a) (xxiii), the words "Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights" would be replaced by the words "Human Rights Council Advisory Committee";

(d) In paragraph 23.66 (a) (xxiii) (a), the words "Working Group on Communications (40)" would be deleted;

(e) In paragraph 23.66 (a) (xxiii) (b), the words "annotations to the provisional agendas of the Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights (expert advice body) (8); reports of non-governmental organizations statements to the Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights (expert advice body) (2);" would be replaced by the words "annotations to the provisional agendas of the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee (8); reports of non-governmental organizations to the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee (2)";

(f) A new paragraph 23.66 (a) (xxv) would be inserted, reading "Working Group on Communications: substantive servicing of meetings: meetings of the Working Group on Communications (40)";

Subprogramme 4

(g) At the end of paragraph 23.85 (a) (ii) (a), the words "consultative group (24)" would be inserted;

(h) At the end of paragraph 23.85 (a) (ii) (b), the words "reports of the consultative group (12)" would be inserted;

(i) At the end of paragraph 23.85 (b) (i), the words "maintenance of public list of eligible candidates" would be inserted.

Section 27
Public information

Table 8
Requirements for the biennium 2008-2009 by object of expenditure
(Thousands of United States dollars)

			Growth				
Object of expenditure	*2006-2007 revised appropriation*	*Proposed programme budget for 2008-2009*[a]	*Human Rights Council decision 3/104*[b]	*Human Rights Council resolution 5/1*	*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*2008-2009 estimate*
Posts	138 932.2	544.8	—	—	139 477.0	8 012.6	147 489.6
Other staff costs	6 195.9	(544.9)	503.1	193.9	6 348.0	373.6	6 721.6
Consultants and experts	—	—	61.5	—	61.5	4.0	65.5
Travel of representatives	715.5	40.7	—	—	756.2	49.2	805.4
Travel of staff	1 003.0	36.3	128.0	43.4	1 210.7	78.6	1 289.3
Contractual services	17 258.3	(34.3)	408.2	78.0	17 710.2	1 123.3	18 833.5
General operating expenses	8 792.3	1 324.7	225.6	38.4	10 381.0	656.4	11 037.4
Hospitality	141.8	(14.0)	—	—	127.8	8.2	136.0
Supplies and materials	2 800.4	(752.0)	—	—	2 048.4	130.7	2 179.1
Furniture and equipment	2 571.7	(427.6)	30.4	—	2 174.5	132.4	2 306.9
Grants and contributions	440.7	323.5	—	—	764.2	48.7	812.9
Total	**178 851.8**	**497.2**	**1 356.8**	**353.7**	**181 059.5**	**10 617.7**	**191 677.2**

[a] Growth in the proposed programme budget does not take into account Human Rights Council decision 3/104, resolution 5/1 or other decisions in relation to paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 60/251.
[b] See A/62/125.

32. In order to implement the provisions of Human Rights Council resolution 5/1 (see paras. 6 to 9 above), it is estimated that the following additional resources, amounting to $353,700 (before recosting), as detailed in table 8, would be required under section 27, Public information:

(a) Information services requ[illegible] provide for press, radio, television and photographic coverage;

(b) Webcasting services.

Press, radio, television and photographic coverage

33. As [illegible]cated in paragraph 7 (b) above, it is expected that an additional six weeks [illegible]tings per year (12 weeks per biennium) will be required by the univers[illegible]ic review m[illegible]sm. This will entail regular press, radio, television and phot[illegible]ic coverage [illegible] provided by the Department of Public Information through its Information Service at Geneva. As no provisions were made under the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 for the coverage of the additional meetings, the total additional requirement under section 27, Public information, for press, radio, television and photographic coverage would amount to $194,500 for the biennium 2008-2009, as explained below.

34. The requirements over and above the proposals contained in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 (A/62/6 (Sect. 27)) under subprogramme 1, Strategic communications services, for the United Nations Information Service at Geneva, relate to:

(a) An increase in general temporary assistance resources for six temporary press officers (three working in English, three in French) for press coverage, two document clerks for 12 weeks and three radio/television producers and one production assistant for 6 weeks ($156,100);

(b) Contractual services for one photographer, one additional radio engineer and one news cameraman (to film press conferences, panel discussions, round-table meetings and other news events with portable cameras for the production of news stories) for six weeks ($38,400).

Webcasting of the universal periodic review

35. In respect of paragraphs 39 to 51 of the report of the Secretary-General (A/62/125), including the recommendation contained therein, interim measures for the biennium 2008-2009 regarding the option of the continuation of temporary capacity for webcast operations are proposed. The continuation of the temporary capacity using the United Nations webcast infrastructure would involve a Webcast Producer and Webcast Officer, both stationed in the News and Media Division of the Department of Public Information at Headquarters, who would travel to Geneva to cover the universal periodic review f[illegible] three weeks of meetings per year, or a total of six weeks for the biennium, and would entail additional requirements under section 27, Public information, for webcasting, amounting to $159,200 for the biennium 2008-2009. This would comprise:

(a) An amount of $78,000 for the United Nations Information Service at Geneva to cover: (i) contractual services for the hiring of three cameramen to film conference proceedings in their entirety, using fixed cameras ($39,600) and

(ii) general operating expenses of $38,400 for the rental of cameras and television equipment, including lenses and tripods, and data processing and office automation equipment;

(b) An amount of $81,200 for the News and Media Division at Headquarters to cover: (i) other staff costs of $37,800 for general temporary assistance to handle the regular workload of the Webcast Producer and Webcast Officer who are covering the meetings of the universal periodic review and (ii) $43,400 for the travel of the Webcast Producer and Webcast Officer from New York to Geneva.

36. No modification is required to the programme of work under section 27, Public information, of the approved programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 or the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009.

Section 28E
Administration, Geneva

Table 9
Requirements for the biennium 2008-2009 by object of expenditure
(Thousands of United States dollars)

		Growth					
Object of expenditure	*2006-2007 revised appropriation*	*Proposed programme budget for 2008-2009*[a]	*Human Rights Council decision 3/104*[b]	*Human Rights Council resolution 5/1*	*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*2008-2009 estimate*
Posts	65 318.3	(154.2)	—	—	65 164.1	2 212.6	67 376.7
Other staff costs	2 799.8	43.1	397.8	39.1	3 279.8	92.3	3 372.1
Consultants and experts	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Travel of staff	91.5	—	—	—	91.5	6.1	97.6
Contractual services	4 526.5	(169.9)	140.1	—	4 496.7	199.6	4 696.3
General operating expenses	26 089.5	1 989.1	339.8	310.4	28 728.8	809.9	29 538.7
Hospitality	2.7	—	—	—	2.7	—	2.7
Supplies and materials	1 939.4	(351.2)	4.0	—	1 592.2	44.6	1 636.8
Furniture and equipment	3 294.4	(1 170.8)	70.4	—	2 194.0	61.9	2 255.9
Grants and contributions	3 130.7	—	—	—	3 130.7	88.3	3 219.0
Total	**107 192.8**	**186.1**	**952.1**	**349.5**	**108 680.5**	**3 515.3**	**112 195.8**

[a] Growth in the proposed programme budget does not take into account Human Rights Council decision 3/104, resolution 5/1 or other decisions in relation to paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 60/251.
[b] See A/62/125.

37. The implementation of the provisions of Human Rights Council resolution 5/1 (see paras. 6-9 above) will give rise to estimated additional resources under section 28E, Administration, Geneva, amounting to $349,500, as detailed in table 9. This relates to:

(a) A requirement of $39,100 under other staff costs to cover the cost of sound technicians to provide necessary services for meeting rooms and delegates for six weeks per year;

(b) A requirement of $310,400 under general operating expenses to cover the cost of the proposed 18 new posts to be supported by the United Nations Office at Geneva for (i) office space accommodation ($276,000) and (ii) telecommunications equipment ($34,400).

38. No modification is required to the programme of work under section 28E, Administration, Geneva, of the approved programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 or the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009.

Section 35
Staff assessment

Table 10
Income from staff assessment
(Thousands of United States dollars)

			Growth				
Object of expenditure	*2006-2007 revised appropriation*	*Proposed programme budget for 2008-2009*	*Human Rights Council decision 3/104*[a]	*Human Rights Council resolution 5/1*	*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*2008-2009 estimate*
	436 347.5	6 438.3	376.9	448.1	443 610.8	19 045.3	462 656.1

[a] See A/62/125.

Income section 1
Income from staff assessment

39. The proposals for new posts presented under section 23, Human rights, for the biennium 2008-2009 (see table 7) will give rise to additional requirements for staff assessment under section 35, Staff assessment, in the amount of $448,100. This provision will be offset by a corresponding amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment.

VI. Contingency fund

40. It will be recalled that, under the procedures established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 41/213 and 42/211, a contingency fund is established for each biennium to accommodate additional expenditure derived from legislative mandates not provided for in the programme budget. Under this procedure, if additional expenditures were proposed that exceeded the resources available from the contingency fund, the activities concerned would be implemented only through the redeployment of resources from low-priority areas or the modification of existing activities. Otherwise, such additional activities would have to be deferred to a later biennium.

41. The Secretariat has reviewed the proposed programme of work under sections 2, 23, 27 and 28 E of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009. It is considered that the requirements in response to the draft resolution contained in document A/C.3/62/L.84 extend beyond the absorptive capacities of provisions to be

made under the above sections. The adoption by the General Assembly of the draft resolution would therefore entail additional resources in the total amount of $8,147,600 under the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009, including $3,847,300 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management; $3,149,000 under section 23, Human rights; $353,700 under section 27, Public information; $348,500 under section 28E, Administration, Geneva; and $448,100 under section 35, Staff assessment, to be offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment. This would represent a charge against the contingency fund and, as such, would require additional appropriations under the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 to be approved by the General Assembly at its sixty-second session.

42. It is not possible at this stage to identify activities within sections 2, 23, 27 and 28E of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 that could be terminated, deferred, curtailed or modified during the biennium in order to meet the additional requirements.

VII. Conclusions

43. The total overall additional requirements of $8,147,600 under the regular budget arising from activities in implementation of Human Rights Council resolution 5/1, recommended to the General Assembly for adoption in draft resolution A/C.3/62/L.84, would be required for sections 2, 23, 27, 28E and 35 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009, to be offset by an amount of $448,100 under income section 1. The additional resources required are broken down by budget section in table 11.

Table 11
Additional requirements arising from the implementation of Human Rights Council resolution 5/1
(United States dollars)

	2006-2007	*2008-2009*
Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management	—	3 847 300
Section 23, Human rights	—	3 149 000
Section 27, Public information	—	353 700
Section 28E, Administration, Geneva	—	349 500
Section 35, Staff assessment	—	448 100
Total	**—**	**8 147 600**

44. Eighteen new posts (17 P-4 and 1 P-3) are proposed under section 23, Human rights, for the biennium 2008-2009. It is envisaged that the preparatory work in the implementation of the universal periodic review mechanism, as set out in Human Rights Council resolution 5/1, will begin in the last quarter of 2007 and the related

resource requirements will be met within the appropriation approved for the biennium 2006-2007 under section 23, Human rights.

45. The requirements estimated above do not take into account the decisions to be taken by the Human Rights Council in relation to paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 60/251, by which the Assembly decided that the Council should carry out a comprehensive review of all mandates, mechanisms, functions and responsibilities of the Commission on Human Rights and that the Council should complete that review within one year after the holding of its first session. A consolidated statement of requirements arising from the continuing review by the Council and of potential absorptive capacity derived from reduced requirements resulting from the amended programme of work under the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 will be provided to the Assembly.

VIII. Actions required of the General Assembly

46. **Accordingly, should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.3/62/L.84, additional resource requirements for the biennium 2008-2009 amounting to $8,147,600 (before recosting) would be required over and above the level of resources proposed in the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 under sections 2, 23, 27, 28E and 35. This would represent a charge against the contingency fund for the biennium 2008-2009. The requirements by budget section would be as follows:**

(a) **An increase of $3,847,300 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management;**

(b) **An increase of $3,149,000 under section 23, Human rights;**

(c) **An increase of $353,700 under section 27, Public information;**

(d) **An increase of $349,500 under section 28E, Administration, Geneva;**

(e) **An increase of $448,100 under section 35, Staff assessment, to be offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment.**

47. **The General Assembly would also be requested to approve the proposed modifications to the programme narratives and outputs to be incorporated into the programme of work of section 23, Human rights, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009, as outlined in paragraph 31 above.**

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Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

Situation of human rights in Myanmar

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/62/L.41/Rev.1

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

I. Requests contained in the draft resolution

1. At its 50th meeting, on 20 November 2007, the Third Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/62/L.41/Rev.1 on the situation of human rights in Myanmar. The Committee was informed of the programme budget implications of the draft resolution in a statement submitted by the Secretary-General (A/C.3/62/L.83).

2. Under the terms of paragraph 6 of draft resolution A/C.3/62/L.41/Rev.1, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General:

(a) To continue to provide his good offices and to pursue his discussions on the situation of human rights and the restoration of democracy with the Government and the people of Myanmar, including all relevant parties to the national reconciliation process in Myanmar, and to offer technical assistance to the Government in this regard;

(b) To closely monitor the developments with regard to the violent incidents that took place, with the aim of preventing the resumption of violence;

(c) To give all necessary assistance to enable the Special Adviser and the Special Rapporteur to discharge their mandates fully and effectively and in a coordinated manner;

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(d) To report to the General Assembly at its sixty-third session, as well as to the Human Rights Council, on the progress made in the implementation of the resolution.

II. Relationship of the proposed requests to the biennial programme plan and priorities for the period 2008-2009

3. The foregoing requests relate to subprogramme 1, Prevention, control and resolution of conflicts, of programme 2, Political affairs, and subprogramme 3, Advisory services, technical cooperation and field activities, and subprogramme 4, Support for human rights thematic fact-finding procedures, of programme 19, Human rights, of the biennial programme plan and priorities for the period 2008-2009.[1]

III. Activities by which the requests would be implemented

4. In his report to the General Assembly (A/62/498), the Secretary-General indicated that further efforts had been made to engage the Myanmar authorities, as well as key interested Member States, in support of his good offices mission. Those efforts were intensified in response to the crisis that broke out in Myanmar on 19 August 2007. The Secretary-General issued statements expressing his concern at the escalation of tensions on the ground and reports of continued human rights violations. He called upon the Government of Myanmar to heed the concerns and requests of the international community for maximum restraint and dialogue and to ensure immediate access to all detainees.

5. The Secretary-General strongly believes that there should be opportunities in the period ahead to improve the outcome of the National Convention in ways that are more inclusive, participatory and transparent. He also believes that the Government of Myanmar should seize the opportunity to take bold actions towards democratization and respect for human rights. The Secretary-General welcomed the possibility of a meeting between Senior General Than Shwe and Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, and urged both parties to display maximum flexibility and engage in meaningful dialogue. In addition, he has urged the Government to be more responsive to the extremely fragile humanitarian and socio-economic conditions prevailing in the country. The Secretary-General believes that any serious steps on the political front should be acknowledged by the international community through the provision of incentives in the socio-economic area.

6. The Secretary-General is thus committed to making every effort to steer Myanmar towards national reconciliation, the transition to democracy and full respect for human rights as the necessary foundations for long-term stability and prosperity. He welcomes the constructive role played by Myanmar's neighbours and by the members of the Association of South-east Asian Nations, and encourages such efforts to continue.

7. Consistent with the requests contained in paragraph 6 of draft resolution A/C.3/62/L.41/Rev.1, the efforts of the good offices of the Secretary-General would

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 6* (A/61/6/Rev.1).

be continued in 2008, in pursuit of his discussions on the situation of human rights and the restoration of democracy with the Government and the people of Myanmar, as well as all relevant parties to the national reconciliation process. The efforts of his good offices would be carried out through his Special Envoy and the progress made in the implementation of the resolution would be reported to the General Assembly at its sixty-third session.

IV. Estimated resource requirements

8. The estimated costs of continuing the efforts of the good offices of the Secretary-General to facilitate the process of national reconciliation and democratization through his Special Envoy for Myanmar, as requested in paragraph 6 (a), (b), (c) and (d) of draft resolution A/C.3/62/L.41/Rev.1, for a one-year period, from 1 January to 31 December 2008, amount to $781,900 net ($865,100 gross).

9. These resources would cover the salaries for the Special Envoy including two support staff (1 P-4 and 1 General Service (Other level)); the official travel of the Special Envoy to Myanmar, neighbouring countries in the region, Europe and North America, including United Nations Headquarters; the services of a consultant; and miscellaneous services in support of his mission. Other substantive and administrative support to the Special Envoy would be provided by the Department of Political Affairs.

10. With regard to the request contained in the last part of paragraph 6 (a), concerning technical assistance, such assistance, if requested, would be accommodated within the technical cooperation activities of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. As to the request contained in paragraph 6 (c), pertaining to the Special Rapporteur, the Secretary-General in his statement of programme budget implications informed the Human Rights Council upon adoption of its resolution S-5/1, that the estimated requirements of $46,700 required to implement activities called for in the resolution would be absorbed within the appropriations approved for the biennium 2006-2007. The Secretary-General would also inform the General Assembly, on the estimated requirements, in his report on the revised estimates resulting from resolution S-5/1. The requirements fall under section 23, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007.

11. With regard to the biennium 2008-2009, no additional resources are requested for section 23, Human rights, at this juncture in the light of the continuing review by the Human Rights Council of its subsidiary machinery in response to General Assembly resolution 60/251. Should additional resources be required, a consolidated statement of requirements arising from the continuing review by the Human Rights Council and potential absorptive capacity from reduced requirements arising from the amended programme of work under the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 would be reported to the General Assembly.

V. Summary

12. **Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.3/62/L.41/Rev.1, additional requirements amounting to $781,900 net ($865,100 gross) would be**

required for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2008 for the continuation of the efforts of the good offices of the Secretary-General relating to the situation in Myanmar.

13. **These requirements would be charged against the provision of $604,060,100 for special political missions under section 3, Political affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009. Approval for these requirements will be sought in the context of the report of the Secretary-General on estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the Assembly and/or the Security Council (A/62/512/Add.1).**

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International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space

Implementation of the United Nations Platform for Space-based Information for Disaster Management and Emergency Response

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.4/62/L.9

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

I. Introduction

1. At its 24th meeting, on 26 November 2007, the Fourth Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/62/L.9, entitled "International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space". The Committee had before it a statement of the programme budget implications of the draft resolution (A/C.4/62/L.19).

2. The General Assembly, in its resolution 61/110, decided to establish a programme within the United Nations to provide universal access for all countries and all relevant international and regional organizations to all types of space-based information and services relevant to disaster management to support the full disaster management cycle by serving as a gateway to space information for disaster management support, as a bridge to connect the disaster management and space communities and as a facilitator of capacity-building and institutional strengthening, in particular for developing countries.

3. In the same resolution, the Assembly agreed that the programme should be named the United Nations Platform for Space-based Information for Disaster Management and Emergency Response (SPIDER) and that it should be implemented as a programme of the Office for Outer Space Affairs under the overall supervision of the Director of the Office, and endorsed the recommendation of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space that the programme have offices in Beijing and

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Bonn. It was further requested that the Office for Outer Space Affairs develop a detailed workplan for the programme for 2007 and for the biennium 2008-2009, to be considered during the forty-fourth session of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space in February 2007.

4. The Office for Outer Space Affairs of the Secretariat developed a plan of work for the biennium 2008-2009, which was considered by the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space at its fiftieth session, in June 2007. The Committee endorsed the SPIDER workplan for the period 2008-2009, as amended to include specific target activities for the liaison office in Geneva.

5. The workplan detailed 11 activities, defined in the implementation framework as follows: the Beijing office will be responsible for (a) awareness-raising, (b) regional and country profiles, (c) support for national activities and (d) support for the establishment of national disaster management planning and policies; the Bonn office will be responsible for (e) the systematic compilation of relevant information, (f) ensuring that, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, relevant information is easily accessible and disseminated to all interested end-users, (g) the establishment of communities of practice, (h) the management and transfer of knowledge and (i) the platform for fostering alliances; and the Vienna office will be responsible for (j) outreach activities and (k) support for capacity-building. In addition, the liaison office in Geneva will contribute to disseminating and integrating the work of the programme into the disaster reduction and humanitarian response communities in Geneva.

6. Prior to adoption of its report, the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space was informed, in an oral statement by the Secretariat, that the Secretariat intended to carry out a thorough review of the implications of the report, in respect of the resource requirements relating to the implementation of its decision to endorse the plan of work for 2008-2009, and that a written statement containing a detailed analysis of its programme budget implications would be submitted to the Fourth Committee at the time of its consideration of the report and its decision thereon, at the sixty-second session of the General Assembly.

II. Requests contained in the draft resolution

7. Under the terms of operative paragraph 42 of draft resolution A/C.4/62/L.9, the General Assembly would endorse the SPIDER plan of work for 2007, the platform programme for the period 2007-2009 and the plan of work for the period 2008-2009, and would request the Secretary-General to implement those activities that are contained in the plan of work for the period 2008-2009.

III. Relationship of the requests to the programme of work and the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009

8. The activities referred to above would fall under programme 5, Peaceful uses of outer space, of the biennial programme plan and priorities for the period 2008-2009, as revised by the General Assembly (A/61/6/Rev.1). As they also fall under section 6, Peaceful uses of outer space, of the proposed programme budget for

the biennium 2008-2009 (A/62/6 (Sect. 6)), modifications to the programme of work and resource requirements resulting from the requests contained in the draft resolution will be considered by the General Assembly at its sixty-second session in the context of its consideration of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009.

IV. Activities by which the request would be implemented

9. Should the SPIDER plan of work for 2007, the platform programme for the period 2007-2009 and the plan of work for the period 2008-2009 be approved by the General Assembly, the Office for Outer Space Affairs would endeavour to ensure that the following broad objectives, among others, of the SPIDER programme are reached:

(a) All countries and relevant regional and international organizations have access to and develop the capacity to use all types of space-based information to support the full disaster management cycle, i.e., an increased number of countries receive assistance in the definition of disaster management planning and policies with regard to the use of space-based technologies, as well as support in the implementation of risk reduction and emergency response activities using space-based information;

(b) Increased coherence and synergy in the space-related work of entities of the United Nations system and international space-related and disaster management entities in using space science and technology and their applications as tools to advance human development and increase overall capacity development.

10. In this connection, the Office would: (a) facilitate capacity-building and institutional strengthening through the provision of technical advisory services, upon request, to Member States to update or initiate disaster management policies and plans with regard to the use of space-based technologies for disaster reduction; (b) expand the international and regional workshops and meetings in various regions of the world so that disaster managers and experts in the use of space technology in disaster management could disseminate possibilities offered by the new SPIDER programme; (c) establish and maintain a knowledge portal that included case histories and best practices on the use of space-based data to support disaster management; (d) develop regional and country profiles; (e) undertake missions to work closely with the space community to help it understand the specific needs of the disaster management community and to develop end-to-end solutions that met the requirements of the user community; and (f) prepare reports on workshops, training courses, symposiums, conferences and seminars organized within the framework of the SPIDER programme.

11. In preparation for these activities, the Office needs solid collaboration and coordination of work between its officers in Vienna, Bonn, Beijing and the liaison office in Geneva to ensure that work is carried out in a coordinated and complete manner and that the programme involves the network of regional support offices in supporting specific programme activities.

V. Modifications required in the programme of work and the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009

12. In order to take into account the provisions of the draft resolution, the programme narrative and outputs of section 6, Peaceful uses of outer space, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 (A/62/6 (Sect. 6)) would be modified and incorporated into the programme of work of section 6, subject to approval by the General Assembly at its sixty-second session. The required modifications to the outputs would be as follows:

Table 6.4

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat

Add a new expected accomplishment as follows:

"(d) Greater understanding, acceptance and commitment by countries and relevant international and regional organizations on how to have access to and develop the capacity to use all types of space-based information to support the full disaster management cycle".

Indicators of achievement

Add new indicators and performance measures as follows:

"(d) (i) Number of countries that receive assistance in the definition of disaster management planning and policies with regard to the use of space-based technologies

"*Performance measures*:

"2004-2005: 0 countries

"Estimate 2006-2007: 0 countries

"Target 2008-2009: 15 countries

"(d) (ii) Number of countries that receive technical advisory support for the implementation of risk reduction and emergency response activities using space-based information

"*Performance measures*:

"2004-2005: 0 countries

"Estimate 2006-2007: 0 countries

"Target 2008-2009: 15 countries".

Paragraph 6.11 (a) (iii) b.

At the end of the subparagraph, add the words "reports on workshops, training courses, symposiums, conferences and seminars organized within the framework of the United Nations Platform for Space-based Information for Disaster Management and Emergency Response (SPIDER) (2)"

Paragraph 6.11 (b)

Add two new subparagraphs as follows:

"(xi) Establishing and maintaining an operational framework for disseminating information on space-based information, solutions and opportunities for disaster management, ensuring that, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, the relevant information is easily accessible and disseminated to all interested end-users (1);

"(xii) Planning and conduct of awareness-raising campaigns on the relevance of space-based information for disaster management, producing specific publications, displays and educational material, disseminating the campaign material widely and recording the experiences gained (4)".

Paragraph 6.11 (c) (i) b.

Replace the output number "6" with the number "15";

Paragraph 6.11 (c) (ii) d.

Replace the output number "4" with the number "8".

VI. Additional resource requirements

13. Activities contained in the plan of work for the period 2008-2009 endorsed by the Committee would require additional resources to strengthen the existing capabilities of the Office for Outer Space Affairs to carry out the following elements of the SPIDER programme: programme management and coordination of activities carried out by the four SPIDER offices, as well as by the network or regional support offices.

14. The Director of the Office for Outer Space Affairs is the supervisor of SPIDER and is responsible for its implementation. The Director will be assisted by a programme coordinator and a programme assistant in planning, coordinating and managing activities, together with the leading programme officer from each SPIDER office (Beijing and Bonn) and the Office for Outer Space Affairs, United Nations Office at Vienna. The programme staff will be distributed over four offices, in Bonn, Beijing, Geneva and Vienna, carrying out the activities presented in paragraph 5 above. Additionally, the network of regional support offices will provide significant support for the implementation of the planned activities through the provision of expertise and in-kind contributions, taking on the responsibility to carry out, within the respective regions of the support offices specific parts of the activities under the management and coordination of the respective leading programme officer.

15. Success in the implementation of all activities will depend on the establishment of a decentralized, cohesive and knowledgeable management team. The core function of the management team — more specifically, the three leading programme officers together with the programme coordinator — is to ensure coordination of activities among offices, ensuring a harmonized implementation of activities across offices, and also to ensure that the programme takes advantage of the support and expertise that will be made available through the network of

regional support offices, assigning parts of the activities of the workplan to the support offices and ensuring that the work is carried out as planned.

16. It is estimated that the requirements for 13 new posts (1 P-5, 3 P-4, 2 P-3, 1 P-2, 2 National Officers, 4 General Service) and non-post resources would total $2,100,000.

17. Post requirements ($1,538,000) would be as follows:

(a) One Programme Officer (P-4), Beijing office. The Programme Officer, with expertise in the understanding of requirements of the disaster management community, in the preparation of national plans of action for using space technology for disaster management and in the provision of technical backstopping to Member States, would be responsible for coordinating and implementing SPIDER activities to be carried out by the Beijing office, those to be carried out in collaboration with the liaison office in Geneva and those to be carried out in collaboration with the network of regional support offices, as well as maintaining liaison and assisting Member States in defining policies and activities that incorporate space-based information to support disaster management. Additionally, the Programme Officer would be responsible for managing and carrying out all administrative activities related to the Beijing office;

(b) One Programme Officer (P-4), Bonn office. The Programme Officer, with expertise in the use of space-based technologies for disaster management, would be responsible for coordinating and implementing SPIDER activities to be carried out by the Bonn office, those to be carried out in collaboration with the liaison office in Geneva and those to be carried out in collaboration with the network of regional support offices, as well as maintaining liaison and assisting Member States in taking advantage of potential opportunities in the area of space technology for disaster management. Additionally, the Programme Officer would be responsible for managing and carrying out all administrative activities related to the Bonn office;

(c) One Programme Officer (P-4), Vienna office. The Programme Officer, with expertise in building capacity in the use of space-based technologies for disaster management, would be responsible for coordinating and implementing SPIDER activities to be carried out by the staff located in Vienna (specifically, outreach activities and support for capacity-building), those to be carried out in collaboration with the liaison office in Geneva and those to be carried out in collaboration with the network of regional support offices, as well as maintaining liaison and assisting Member States in taking advantage of potential opportunities in the area of capacity-building and institutional strengthening;

(d) One Programme Coordinator (P-5), Vienna office. The Programme Coordinator, with specific expertise in space technology applications and experience in implementing global programmes, would directly assist the Director of the Office for Outer Space Affairs and be responsible for coordinating the programme, ensuring that all four offices and the network of regional support offices were coordinating activities, maximizing the use of resources made available and avoiding duplication of efforts. The Programme Coordinator would also maintain liaison with Member States regarding the nomination of national focal points, and subsequently coordinate with the nominated national focal points regarding activities within their respective countries;

(e) One Programme Officer (P-3), Beijing office. The Programme Officer, with a relevant scientific background in the area of space technology applications and disaster management, would assist in the provision of technical backstopping to Member States and contribute to building national capacities;

(f) One Liaison Officer (P-3), Geneva liaison office. The Liaison Officer, with a relevant background in international relations, international policy, public relations and/or a scientific or technical area (space-based applications in the area of disaster management), would assist in disseminating and integrating the work of the programme within the disaster reduction and humanitarian response communities in Geneva;

(g) Associate Expert (P-2), Vienna office. The Associate Expert, with a relevant background in the area of international development and expertise in providing support to global programmes, would assist in the planning and conducting of outreach activities, such as workshops, and also assist in coordinating and planning the development of capacity-building activities;

(h) Two National Officers, Beijing office. The National Officers, with relevant expertise in the area of disaster management, would assist in the development of country profiles, contribute to the preparation of awareness-raising publications and assist in compiling and maintaining information on disaster management policies;

(i) One Programme Assistant (General Service), Vienna office. The Programme Assistant would provide support to the Director of the Office for Outer Space Affairs and administrative support to the Programme Coordinator for activities related to the SPIDER programme;

(j) Two Administrative Assistants (General Service), Beijing office. The Administrative Assistants would provide administrative support for the activities to be carried out by the Beijing office, including the distribution of awareness-raising material worldwide;

(k) Team Assistant (General Service), Bonn office. The Team Assistant would provide administrative support for the activities of the Bonn office, including the compilation of relevant information to be included in the knowledge portal.

18. In addition, two senior experts provided on a secondment basis to the Bonn office by the German Aerospace Centre would be responsible for assisting in the definition and implementation of the knowledge portal (including the definition and implementation of a framework for the compilation of relevant information), assisting in the definition of a horizontal coordination strategy and supporting existing and new communities of practice.

19. Non-post requirements ($562,000) would be as follows:

(a) Expert group meetings ($100,000), $50,000 yearly for 20 participants in an annual expert meeting;

(b) Travel of staff ($168,000) for, inter alia, support for the coordination and implementation of the new programme, the supervision and conduct of workshops, seminars and training courses on matters related to SPIDER and the provision of technical advisory services to Member States in the field of policy and programme implementation in the area of space technology for disaster management;

(c) Contractual services ($86,000) for printing and publications;

(d) General operating expenses ($88,000) to cover data-processing and office automation equipment, including maintenance;

(e) Individual fellowships ($120,000), required for the participation of persons from developing countries in workshops, seminars and training courses.

20. It has been envisaged that two thirds of the resources needed would be made available, through voluntary contributions, by Member States that have already indicated a willingness to provide financial and in-kind support for the programme, to cover the cost of 10 posts (1 P-5, 2 P-3, 1 P-2, 2 National Officers and 4 General Service), totalling $1,064,000, and that non-post requirements amounting to $432,000 would be funded from extrabudgetary resources. The total resource requirements of $2,100,000 are proposed to be met as shown in the table below:

	Total additional requirements	*From regular budget*	*From extrabudgetary resources*[a]
		United States dollars	
Posts	1 538 000	474 000	1 064 000
Expert-group meetings	100 000	100 000	—
Travel of staff	168 000	30 000	138 000
Contractual services	86 000	—	86 000
General operating expenses	88 000	—	88 000
Grants and contributions	120 000	—	120 000
Total	**2 100 000**	**604 000**	**1 496 000**

[a] The expected extrabudgetary contributions do not include the value of resources to be provided on an in-kind basis (e.g., staff secondments, office facilities and equipment, supplies and materials).

VII. Potential for absorption

21. No provision has been made under the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 in the relation to the activities that would be requested under draft resolution A/C.4/62/L.9. It is not possible at this stage to identify activities within section 6 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 that could be terminated, deferred, curtailed or modified during the biennium in order to meet the additional requirements.

VIII. Contingency fund

22. It will be recalled that under the procedures established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 41/213 and 42/211, a contingency fund is established for each biennium to accommodate additional expenditures derived from legislative mandates not provided for in the programme budget. Under this procedure, if additional expenditures were proposed that exceeded the resources available from the contingency fund, the activities concerned would be implemented only through

redeployment of resources from low-priority areas or modifications to existing activities. Otherwise, such additional activities would have to be deferred until a later biennium.

IX. Conclusions

23. In implementation of operative paragraph 42 of draft resolution A/C.4/62/L.9 additional resources amounting to $604,000 would be required under section 6, Peaceful uses of outer space, and $78,000 under section 35, Staff assessment, to be offset by an amount of $78,000 under income section 1, Income from staff assessment of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009.

24. This would represent a charge against the contingency fund and, as such, would require additional appropriations under the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 to be approved by the General Assembly at its sixty-second session.

X. Actions required

25. **Accordingly, should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.4/62/L.9, additional resources for the biennium 2008-2009 totalling $604,000 (before recosting) would be required over and above the level of resources proposed in the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 under section 6, Peaceful uses of outer space, together with an increase of $78,000 under section 35, Staff assessment, to be offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009.**

26. **The General Assembly would also be requested to approve the proposed modifications to the programme narratives and outputs to be incorporated into the programme of work of section 6, Peaceful uses of outer space, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009, as outlined in paragraph 12 above.**

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Advancement of women

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Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/62/L.20/Rev.1

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

1. At its 53rd meeting, on 27 November 2007, the Third Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/62/L.20/Rev.1 by a recorded vote of 173 to 1. A statement of the programme budget implications of the draft resolution was submitted to the Committee in document A/C.3/62/L.87 and is reproduced below for the consideration of the Fifth Committee.

2. As indicated in paragraph 6 below, if draft resolution A/C.3/62/L.20/Rev.1 is adopted by the General Assembly, the provisions of operative paragraphs 14 and 15 thereof would result in changes in the programme of work and the resource requirements of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women. Thus, the present statement of programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/62/L.20/Rev.1 replaces the related statement of the programme budget implications of Economic and Social Council decision 2007/279 contained in the report of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Council at its substantive and resumed substantive sessions in 2007 (A/62/515, sect. II.H).

I. Introduction

3. At its thirty-ninth session, the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, in the light of the statement of the programme budget implications

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of its draft decision 39/I submitted in accordance with rule 23 of the rules of procedure of the Committee, adopted decision 39/II. The statement of programme budget implications reproduced in annex X to the annual report of the Committee to the General Assembly[1] was subsequently amended to take into account decision 39/II (see E/2007/L.42).

4. As provided in article 21, paragraph 1, of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, the Committee is to submit to the General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council, an annual report on its activities. Accordingly, the amended statement (E/2007/L.42) was issued to inform the Council of the programme budget implications of decisions of the Committee at its thirty-ninth session, amounting to $14,156,400.

5. At its resumed substantive session of 2007, held in New York on 17 October 2007, the Economic and Social Council, by its decision 2007/279, took note of the annual report of the Committee. The related statement of programme budget implications (E/2007/L.42) was thus included in the revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive and resumed substantive sessions in 2007 (see A/62/515).

6. If draft resolution A/C.3/62/L.20/Rev.1 is adopted by the General Assembly, the provisions of operative paragraphs 14 and 15 thereof would result in changes in the programme of work and the resource requirements of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women. The present statement of programme budget implications is submitted to bring to the attention of the General Assembly those changes.

II. Requests contained in the draft resolution

7. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 14 and 15 of draft resolution A/C.3/62/L.20/Rev.1, the General Assembly would:

(a) Decide to authorize the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women to hold three annual sessions of three weeks each, with a one-week pre-session working group for each session for an interim period, effective from January 2010, pending the entry into force of the amendment to article 20, paragraph 1, of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, and to authorize three annual sessions of the Working Group on Communications under the Optional Protocol to the Convention;

(b) Decide to authorize the Committee to meet on an exceptional and temporary basis in the biennium 2008-2009 in a total of five sessions, of which three would occur in parallel chambers, taking due account of equitable geographical distribution, for the purpose of considering reports of States parties submitted under article 18 of the Convention; and decide that two of five sessions would take place at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

8. Because the requests contained in operative paragraph 14 relate to the biennium 2010-2011, the respective activities and resource requirements would be considered in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 38* (A/62/38).

2010-2011. The implications of the requests contained in operative paragraph 15, which relate to the biennium 2008-2009, are set out below.

III. Relationship of the draft resolution to the biennial programme plan and the programme of work contained in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009

9. The activities to be carried out relate to programme 1, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management; subprogramme 2, Supporting human rights bodies and organs, of programme 19, Human rights; and subprogramme 4, Support services, of programme 24, Management and support services, of the biennial programme plan and priorities for the period 2008-2009.[2] They also fall under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management; section 23, Human rights; and section 28D, Office of Central Support Services, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009.

10. Provisions have been made under section 23, Human rights, for travel and per diem costs of the 23 members of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women to attend its two annual regular sessions of 15 working days each and, for each session, a five-day pre-session working group meeting; the cost of attendance at two annual meetings of the Working Group on Communications under the Optional Protocol; and substantive, conference and support services for the Committee, the pre-session working group and the Working Group on Communications.

11. The General Assembly, in its resolution 60/230, authorized the Committee to hold a third annual session in 2006 and 2007 as a temporary measure and to meet in parallel working groups during its third annual session in 2006 and its first and third annual sessions in 2007 on an exceptional and temporary basis. The related one-time additional provisions were included in the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007.

IV. Activities by which the requests would be implemented

12. The holding of five sessions, of which three would occur in parallel chambers during the biennium 2008-2009, called for in operative paragraph 15 of the draft resolution, would allow the Committee to consider a greater number of States parties' reports. Prior to the adoption of resolution 60/230, which authorized the Committee in 2006-2007 to hold three annual sessions of three weeks each with a one-week pre-sessional working group for each session, and two annual sessions of the Working Group on Communications under the Optional Protocol; and to meet for up to seven days in parallel chambers during three of its six sessions during 2006 and 2007, the Committee considered the reports of 16 States parties annually. During 2006 and 2007, the Committee considered the reports of 69 States parties

[2] Ibid., *Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 6* (A/61/6/Rev.1).

(31 in 2006 and 38 in 2007) and would have been able to eliminate a significant amount of the accumulated backlog of reports awaiting review.

13. This extended meeting time would result in holding one additional session of the Committee in 2008, including for up to seven days in parallel chambers. Moreover, one of two regular sessions scheduled for 2008 and 2009 would also be held in parallel chambers. This would allow the Committee to consider 38 States parties' reports in 2008 and 22 in 2009, thus reducing the backlog of reports waiting consideration, which is estimated to reach 42 by 1 January 2008; to ensure that incoming reports are considered in a timely manner; to enhance its efforts to ensure the monitoring of the Convention in States parties with long overdue reports; and to discharge all of its other responsibilities under the Convention and the Optional Protocol. It is estimated that, as a result of using this extended meeting time, the backlog of reports would be 28 on 1 January 2010.

14. In order to support the additional workload of the Committee, particularly in view of the additional time that would be required to prepare for the consideration of States parties' reports during the biennium 2008-2009, general temporary assistance resources, equivalent to six work-months at the P-3 level, would be required to assist with:

(a) Analysis of States parties' reports on the implementation of the Convention, drawing upon prior reports, and other relevant information, in particular from United Nations sources;

(b) Preparation of draft lists of issues and questions on States parties' reports under consideration by the Committee;

(c) In-session support to Committee experts in the preparation of draft concluding comments on States parties' reports;

(d) Provision of substantive support, especially during the sessions of the Committee with parallel working groups.

15. The mandate of the Committee is to meet twice a year for three weeks each time. A one-week pre-session working group precedes each session. The Working Group on Communications under the Optional Protocol is currently convened twice a year for up to 10 days. The session meetings require interpretation services in the six official languages and the pre-session working group meetings require interpretation services in English, French and Spanish only. The total documentation required for translation into the six official languages is estimated at 6,600 pages pre-session, 800 pages in session and 800 pages post-session relating to the 2 three-week sessions each year of the biennium, and a total of 800 pages for post-session documentation relating to the 2 one-week meetings of the pre-session working group for each year of the biennium. Summary records are provided for all meetings of the Committee, with the exception of those of the pre-session working group.

16. Should draft resolution A/C.3/62/L.20/Rev.1 be adopted, it would entail one additional three-week session in 2008 with up to seven days in parallel chambers, which would require interpretation services in the six official languages. As one of two regular sessions scheduled for both 2008 and 2009 would also be held in parallel chambers, they would likewise require interpretation services in all six official languages. The additional one-week pre-session working group meeting to

be held prior to the additional three-week session in 2008 would require interpretation services in English, French and Spanish only. The total additional documentation required for translation into the six official languages is estimated at 1,500 pages pre-session, 200 pages in session and 200 pages post-session relating to the additional three-week session in 2008; 1,680 pages pre-session, 315 pages in session and 315 pages post-session relating to the parallel working groups for the 2008-2009 biennium only; and 200 pages for post-session documentation relating to the additional one-week pre-session working group meeting in 2008. Summary records in English only would be provided for all the meetings of the Committee, with the exception of the pre-session working group meetings.

17. Should the draft resolution be adopted, the exact dates of all the meetings of the Committee, consisting, in 2008, of 3 three-week sessions, including 2 sessions in parallel chambers, and 3 one-week pre-session working group meetings, and, in 2009, of 2 three-week sessions, including one session in parallel chambers, and 2 one-week pre-session working group meetings, will be determined through consultation between the substantive secretariat and the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management, subject to the availability of conference facilities and services.

18. Concerning the provision, in operative paragraph 15 of the draft resolution, that two of the five sessions in the biennium 2008-2009 be held in New York, it is considered an exception to section I, paragraph 4, of resolution 40/243, whereby the General Assembly reaffirmed that United Nations bodies should plan to meet at their respective established headquarters.

V. Modifications required in the programme of work and the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009

19. The adoption of the draft resolution would result in a modification of the number of meetings and reports cited in the programme of work contained in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009. In the narrative of section 23, Human rights, subprogramme 2, Supporting human rights bodies and organs (A/62/6 (Sect. 23)), paragraph 23.66 (a) (xvi) would be revised as follows:

(xvi) Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women:

a. Replace the words "plenary and chamber meetings of the Committee (60 per year) (120)" with the words "plenary and chamber meetings of the Committee (94 in 2008 and 64 in 2009) (158)";

b. Replace the words "lists of issues and questions (38 reports annually) (76)" with the words "lists of issues and questions (38 reports in 2008 and 22 reports in 2009) (60)".

VI. Estimated resource requirements

A. Conference-servicing requirements

20. It is estimated that additional conference-servicing requirements of $10,357,400 would arise under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and

Social Council affairs and conference management, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 (A/62/6 (Sect. 2)). The details of these requirements are set out in table 1.

Table 1
Additional conference-servicing requirements for plenary meetings, pre-session working groups and plenary parallel meetings (temporary)
(United States dollars)

	Plenary session meetings 2008	*Pre-session working groups 2008*	*Plenary parallel meetings 2008-2009[a]*	*Total 2008-2009*
Meetings servicing	232 000	36 600	324 900	593 500
Pre-session documentation	3 185 200	—	3 583 800	6 769 000
In-session documentation	445 200	—	701 000	1 146 200
Post-session documentation	445 200	259 400	701 000	1 405 600
Summary records	176 000	—	246 900	422 900
Other conference services	7 300	2 400	10 500	20 200
Total	**4 490 900**	**298 400**	**5 568 100**	**10 357 400**

[a] One-time provision for 2008-2009.

B. Non-conference-servicing requirements

Section 23. Human rights

21. It is estimated that additional resources of $340,450 for travel, per diem and terminal expenses for the members of the Committee to attend a third annual three-week session in New York in 2008, with a one-week pre-session working group meeting, would be required under section 23, Human rights, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009. A provision for general temporary assistance equivalent to six work-months at the P-3 level, estimated at $75,000, would also be required.

Section 28D. Office of Central Support Services

22. An additional amount of $35,100 would be required to provide for contractual services for sound technicians to service the additional session, meetings in parallel chambers and meetings of the pre-session working group.

23. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.3/62/L.20/Rev.1, the total additional requirements relating to the additional session of the Committee and the pre-session working group meetings in 2008 and three sessions in parallel chambers (2 in 2008 and 1 in 2009) would amount to $10,807,950, as shown in table 2.

Table 2
Total additional requirements relating to the additional session of the Committee and the pre-session working group meetings in 2008 and holding three sessions in parallel chambers
(United States dollars)

	2008	*2009*	*Total*
Section 23. Human rights			
Travel, per diem and terminal expenses	340 450	—	340 450
General temporary assistance	75 000	—	75 000
Subtotal	**415 450**	**—**	**415 450**
Section 2. General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management			
Meetings servicing, interpretation and documentation	8 501 300	1 856 100	10 357 400
Section 28D. Office of Central Support Services			
Common support services	17 500	17 600	35 100
Total	**8 934 250**	**1 873 700**	**10 807 950**

VII. Contingency fund

24. It will be recalled that, under the procedures established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 41/213 and 42/211, a contingency fund is established for each biennium to accommodate additional expenditure derived from legislative mandates not provided for in the programme budget. Under this procedure, if additional expenditure were proposed that exceeded the resources available from the contingency fund, the activities concerned would be implemented only through the redeployment of resources from low-priority areas or the modification of existing activities. Otherwise, such additional activities would have to be deferred to a later biennium.

VIII. Summary

25. **Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.3/62/L.20/Rev.1, additional resources in the total amount of $10,807,950 would arise under the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009, including $415,450 under section 23, Human rights, $10,357,400 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and $35,100 under section 28D, Office of Central Support Services. This would represent a charge against the contingency fund and, as such, would require additional appropriations for the biennium 2008-2009 to be approved by the General Assembly at its sixty-second session.**

26. **The General Assembly would also be required to approve the proposed modifications to the outputs to be incorporated into the programme of work of section 23, Human rights, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 under subprogramme 2, Supporting human rights bodies and organs (A/62/6 (Sect. 23), para. 23.66 (a) (xvi)).**

Annex

Comparison of additional requirements in document E/2007/L.42 and in the present statement of programme budget implications

(United States dollars)

	2008	*2009*	*Total*
Additional requirements relating to the additional sessions of the Committee and the pre-session working group meetings (one additional annual session with parallel chambers) (E/2007/L.42)			
Section 23. Human rights			
Travel, per diem and terminal expenses	340 450	340 450	680 900
General temporary assistance	75 000	75 000	150 000
Subtotal	**415 450**	**415 450**	**830 900**
Section 2. General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management			
Meetings servicing, interpretation and documentation	6 645 200	6 645 200	13 290 400
Section 28D. Office of Central Support Services			
Common support services	17 500	17 600	35 100
Total	**7 078 150**	**7 078 250**	**14 156 400**
Additional requirements relating to the additional session of the Committee and the pre-session working group meetings in 2008 and holding three sessions in parallel chambers (present document)			
Section 23. Human rights			
Travel, per diem and terminal expenses	340 450	—	340 450
General temporary assistance	75 000	—	75 000
Subtotal	**415 450**	**—**	**415 450**
Section 2. General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management			
Meetings servicing, interpretation and documentation	8 501 300	1 856 100	10 357 400
Section 28D. Office of Central Support Services			
Common support services	17 500	17 600	35 100
Total	**8 934 250**	**1 873 700**	**10 807 950**
Difference	**(1 856 100)**	**5 204 550**	**3 348 450**